

**Oregon Historical Marker Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday, May 27, 2006**

Present: Richard Hanes (Chair), Wayne Sharp, Lowell Tiller, Tom Halsey, David Bogan, Beverly Vogt  
Absent: Clark Newiendorp, Joy Margheim, Josh Ingle (all excused)  
Staff: Annie Von Domitz

**1. Richard Hanes, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:35am.**

**2. Approval of Minutes from 3/3/06**

*Hanes made a motion to approve the February 3, 2006 minutes as presented. David Bogan moved and Beverly Vogt seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.*

**3. Council Report**

Annie reported that TIC has come to an agreement with ODOT regarding our interagency agreement concerning Historical Markers. Doug Tindall said that ODOT would pay for any costs covering the preparation of the site for a marker installation, including: paving, clearing and any archeological studies that would be necessary. TIC will continue to pay for the installation of the markers.

TIC has recently settled a lawsuit. Because of the settlement a temporary budget has been implemented to help rebuild the reserves. The marker maintenance budget through August 2006 has been set at \$200 per month. Wayne said that he thought the budget would be workable. He said it would probably limit the volunteers to one project a month.

**4. Newsletter**

Annie asked the committee how they felt about turning the newsletter into an electronic format. The committee thought that an electronic format would be fine. They expressed interest in have the newsletter come out more regularly. Annie said that she would look into having the newsletter editions announced in the heritage list serve. The committee also expressed interest in having a regular column in the new TIC newsletter.

Richard asked about the TIC website and the possibility of having a list of the markers with pictures, text and a map of the locations. Annie said that a new website was currently being developed and there were plans to implement a page with all of those features.

David Bogan said that the State Parks has developed a new heritage newsletter. He would like to see regular feature articles regarding the Historical Marker Program.

Bev mentioned the Oregon Field Guide as a possible PR resource. David said that OPB was looking for stories at the Governor's Tourism Conference this year.

**5. Restoration/ Replacement Projects**

**a. Memaloose Island**

Sea Reach installed this sign on May 5th. It was located in the same spot as the old marker.

**b. Fort Rock**

The marker layout mock-up was passed around for committee comments. The committee thought that some directional language should be added to the sign, so that viewers can easily locate the feature in the landscape. They noted that the star on the Oregon map on the top of the sign needed to be relocated.

**c. Abert Rim**

The committee reviewed the mock-up for this marker. They thought that this marker also needed to have directions to the feature, so that the reader can identify the rim. The goal is to have this marker ready for a dedication (along with Fort Rock) this fall.

**d. Camp Adair**

Sea Reach is developing the 1st draft of this marker. After the text has been reviewed by the committee, Annie will send the draft to interested parties in the community to solicit comments.

**7. New Marker Projects**

**b. Mitchell Monument/ Balloon Bomb**

The committee reviewed the latest draft of this marker. Annie reported that the community action team in Bly has secured \$12000 in grants to produce this marker. They will have enough money left over to provide follow-up signs to the monument and a brochure. Annie said that she would like to see this marker ready for dedication by early July.

**8. Committee Member Reports**

**a. Interpretive Plan**

Richard said that he would like to see a plan developed centering on the Sesquicentennial celebration. Annie and David will investigate ways to tie in the interpretive plan with the celebration/ funds. They will report on their findings at the August 4th meeting. David said that the planning committee should be formed in July, so we will have a better idea by then about the opportunities available. Annie will add this topic to the August agenda.

**b. Salemtowne Volunteers**

Wayne reported that the volunteers will focus on the coast region this year. They would also like to work on Broughton's Expedition on the Gorge. Wayne said that he would like to be able to restore the Tsunami sign at Seaside.

**9. New Business**

**a. Committee Member Recruitment**

Richard asked the committee members to start thinking of candidates for the Historical Marker Committee. Annie reported that Joy has announced that she is going to resign from the committee. She will be going back to school and will no longer be working for the Oregon Historical Society (OHS). Joy has suggested Eliza Jones as her replacement. Eliza currently works with Joy at OHS. Annie will ask Eliza to attend the next meeting so that the committee can interview her.

There are currently 4 spots that will become vacant by the August 2006 meeting.

Tom Halsey has retired from ODOT and will be resigning from the committee. Tom said that he will find a candidate for his replacement and bring that person to the August meeting.

The other positions that will be vacant are Lewis McArthur and Lowell Tiller; both positions are At-Large members. Annie will include membership recruitment as an agenda item for the August meeting.

**10. 2006 Meeting Schedule**

Meetings in 2006 will be held on August 4 and November 3. All meetings will be held in the large conference room at the ODOT Materials Lab building, 800 Airport Road SE (behind the State Motor Pool facilities) in Salem. The committee discussed holding the November 3rd meeting in Portland. The committee will discuss this further in August.

**11. Adjournment**

Richard Hanes called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45am. The motion was made by Beverly. Wayne seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.